



Zenab for Women in Development

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Zenab for Women Development (ZWD) is a Sudanese women's rights organization founded in 2000 to empower women through education. Based in Khartoum and has regional office in Gedaref State and has Focal Points at Northern, Gazera, S.Darfur Kassala & Red Sea States, ZWD has Special Consultative Status with the ECOSOC of the United Nations since 2005. Zenab was named after a pioneer woman educator (Mrs. Zenab Mohamad Nour) who dedicated herself for girls education in Eastern-Sudan since 1941, to empower women through education.

Zenab in partnership and in collaboration with national and international donors, has been able to implement the following projects /activities during the year 2013, implemented projects and activities were of high relevance and were implemented with high level of efficiency and effectiveness, implemented projects tackled and improve the situations of Zenab Organization 's target groups in different aspects and support large sector of vulnerable women, girls and youth to improve their situations, uplifting them from poverty, illiteracy and raise their awareness.

Project: Improving Reproductive Health Services & Eradicating FGM in Rural Areas - GEDARIF STATE-EASTERN SUDAN : funded by the AWDF(The African Women Development Fund).

Project duration 12 months : June2012- May 2013.

Target groups:

- 20 rural traditional midwives
- 300 of village communities attended forums/dialogue on HIV/AIDS, Family Planning & child nutrition.

Results:

20 rural midwives received professional training on standard obstetric care, 10 villages in rural areas have now trained professional midwives, to intervene properly to carry out delivery cases for pregnant women, equipped with knowledge and uncontaminated toolkit. Improved reproductive health services through improving rural midwives skills, this is expected, in the long run to contribute to reduction in maternal mortality rate.

Communities in targeted villages aware have been raised on stopping FGM practice.

Project: Improving reproductive health Service & Eradicating FGM in Rural Areas – in 3 States East Sudan (Gadarif-Kassala-Red sea States - East Sudan), Project duration: 9 months, Oct.01.2012- June.30/2013; Donated by Finnish Embassy in Cairo.

Target groups:

- Rural midwives (traditional 60 midwives selected from rural villages in Three States - East Sudan).
- Hundred of communities in selected villages, women, girls, youth, community leaders, medical field personnel participated in aware raising activities.

Project Objectives:

- Improve reproductive health services through raising skills of traditional midwives and facilitate their accessibility.
- Raise community awareness about RH, family planning, child nutrition, / combat /FGM/HIV/AIDS, and gender based-violence.

Project results/impact:

- The project has contributed to improvement in reproductive health services, as it upgrade skills of 60 midwives in rural areas, who received a qualifying training courses at States Midwifery Schools & who could provide delivery services for pregnant women in a professional manner in addition the project has enhanced community knowledge about the negative health impact of practicing FGM, explain concepts and importance of family planning, HIV/AIDS/GBV.
- The project has mobilized efforts of local communities leaders and stakeholders and put in front line the question of combating HIV/AIDS, GBV and all aspects that degrade women and confiscate their rights, project activities have enabled women and girls to understand the adverse effect of harmful social practices such as FGM/C, GBV including child and forced marriage, which are deeply rooted in the culture of the population of the targeted areas. For the first time, villages began to discuss FGM/C/GBV and child marriage as violations against girls and women and began to question their validity, attitudes have changed towards FGM/C/GBV but prevalence rates generally remain high and the FGM/C practice is often performed in its most severe form in some areas.
- The project enables Zenab to intervene and tackle our grassroots crucial issues and strengthen Zenab ties with our partners in Ministry of Health and Midwifery Schools and our associates.

Project: Empowerment of Rural Women for Alleviation of poverty in Gadarif State, period: 19/11/2012-18/11/2013, funded y the EU (European Union).

Target Groups:

- Five hundred (500) rural women farmers from 5 villages in Al Gadref State, different localities. The targeted women will be small scale farmers, with average family members of 4-7 persons, who farm for long time to sustain their family needs.
- One hundred (100) community leaders representing grass root and informal administrative structure in the targeted villages.
- Two hundred and fifty (250) Youth groups of (females and males) who are actively involved in social, cultural and agricultural activities in the targeted locations.

One Hundred (100) Local authorities, Department of Agricultural Extension- Ministry of Agriculture Gadaref State and Ministry of Forest- Gadaref State.

Results:

- Provision of agricultural inputs (improved seeds, hand tools) for 500 women farmers.
- Establishing farmers' community cooperative trading centre to improve women farmers' income through processing and marketing of farmers products.
- Provision of better Agricultural techniques services, raise women farmers' knowledge on new agricultural practices and conservation agriculture. New agricultural techniques have been adopted by small- scale holders such as adopting crops rotation, diversification of crops, water harvest techniques.
- Conduct organizational management sessions to raise women farmers aware and knowledge to manage cooperative societies.
- Preparation and execution of awareness raising sessions on women rights, environment, in the targeted locations.
- Establishment of a central Nursery to enhance environment protection.
- Support women farmers in Agricultural operations (preparations of land, cleaning and leveling.

Project Title: Community Based, Women Follow-up Project

Location of implementation: Khartoum, Duration: 9 months; Funded by the UNDP/DDR/SDDRC (United Nation Development Fund/disarmament, demobilization and re-integration/Sudan disarmament, demobilization and re-integration Commission . Duration: 10-5-2013 to 10-10-2013.

Target group: Female EX- Combatants (FXC).

This project has been implemented in collaboration with Zenab and DDR/SDDRC in Khartoum State aiming at building the institutional capacities and management skills of the FMX and civilian members of the women association established during the first phase of social re-integration of FMX.

Project Results:

- The project has succeeded in socially re-integrating the Female-Ex-Combatants(FXC) , all targeted FXC are engaged in civil activities and participate fully in peace building and in the diffusion of culture of peace .
- 65 representatives of NGOs in Khartoum State received trainings(TOT) on GBV.
- Build technical and institutional capacities of the re-integrated FXM and formally register their association as legal entity at concerned Ministry and establish and put their office in operational status.
- Organize 16 DAYS of activism 2013 campaign against GBV.
- Trainings of peers educators (TOT) to prepare them to conduct community outreach aware raising sessions on GBV. to qualify them convey the knowledge they acquired through trainings to their direct communities and neighbors ; to act as trainers with good knowledge on the issue of GBV, trained peers educators are now in a better position to carry out this mission, women association members are part of trained peers educators; their capacity is therefore further enhanced through this trainings, peers educators are the good element and mechanism in this program to diffuse the knowledge and roll it down to prevent GBV. at community base level..

- Organize public peace building events.
- Conducted 13 community outreach aware raising sessions by peers educators, members of communities (around 300 participants) at base level, those who have participated in the organized activities have benefited much from the new information they received through peers educators, the activities help in improving communities perception and knowledge about GBV.
- Designed and broadcasted Radio message on GBV; as the media is having an important role to play and is capable to spread the knowledge on GBV; it is deemed necessary to spread the culture of peace building, gender equality and social justice through radio message designed to serve this purpose, the radio message has been broadcasted for several days through local Radio station heard by hundreds persons in and outside the borders of Khartoum State; the message focus on women rights and the supportive roles men can play to reduce GBV.

Project: Strengthening Access to Justice and Confidence Building in Gadarif State.

Period: Nov.2012 – Oct. 2013, Funded by UNDP- Rule of Law

Key achievements:

- To support the development of State legal aid criteria through consultations with lawyers' networks, bar associations, private lawyers and community groups, Gadarif JCC established legal aid network composed of lawyers, attorney general, and traditional leaders to assist on cases solving through mediation and local norm, the group is in meeting regularly to look into cases received. (ongoing Activity) on this regards 50 (15 female 35 male) lawyers and paralegals received on legal aid concept and provision, rule of law and human rights.
- 75 native court judges, tribe's leaders from native administrative court officials received training on new court procedure and international human rights standards
- 30 paralegals(16 male, 14 female) have received trainings through conducted workshops on human rights, legal aid concepts and criminal procedures, the trained paralegals will enhance vulnerable people access to justice through the trainings they received
- 5 of previously Established paralegals committees of native administration, community leaders, youth and women from 2 Gadarif city, Kasab locality, Doka, and Hajer Alasal of Gadarif state have received further trainings on legal aid concepts, human rights and rule of law and criminal law procedure.
- 60 of from police, traditional leaders and community members have their knowledge enhanced on prevention of human trafficking through conduction of seminar at Gadarif City.
- Conduct trainings for people living with disabilities, 90 disabled persons have received trainings on disability laws , many express their thanks to the enlightenment provided and feel the role they can play to enhance justice of disable.
- 9 women committee have been established in Gadarif and received trainings on advocacy and communication of women rights and GBV, women committees members consist of women from community members.
- To enhance awareness of local communities on basic principles of human rights and rule of law the Zenab JCC conducted 20 legal aware raising sessions "tea

sessions" on the following subjects: Access to justice, rule of law, legal aid, and criminal law procedures and family laws . at different villages and local communities in Gedarif State. The attendees were men, women and youth. The number of attendees was 675 (430 female and 365 male).

- Support outreach program to improve human rights awareness among local population, Zenab for Women's Development conducted 6 seminars on the rule of law concept and legal aid , discussed the topics of key of promoting rule of law and the concepts and means of legal aid, the attendees were 180 (75 female, and 105 male).
- Establishment of 6 Pilot of community policing Committee as informal legal aid mechanisms at village level to raise awareness on human rights among local populations and empower them to access the benefits and protections inherent in the laws and Constitution, the committees received training on legal aid concept, questionnaire filling, type of cases and services that the JCC providing and community safety.
- Zenab legal aid centre – Gedarif JCC's has received 300 legal cases and provided 250 legal counseling services to the inhabitants of Gedarif State.
- 6 public forums and open dialogue conducted on the topic of police procedures and behavior at Gadarif locality attendee were 210 (28 female, 182 male.)
- 800 of participants in organized symposiums have discussed topics on Human Rights, women rights, GBV and child rights.

Project : Transitional solutions initiative(TSI)-JOINT PROGRAM
Funded by UNDP/UNHCR
May- Dec.2013.

The project is aiming at supporting diversified livelihood opportunities for refugees and hosting communities in Gedarif State.

Key achievements:

- 2000 households from refugees and hosting communities received improved seeds (sorghum, sesame, white kidney, millet and rosella.)
- 4000 of agricultural hand tools were distributed to 2000 households farmers.
- 197 of women who engaged in small scale vegetables farmers have received vegetables seeds.
- Conducted 3 days training workshop on water harvesting technique.
- 170 hen were distributed to 17 women in hosting village (OmGargour).
- 200kg of poultry feed were distributed to 17 women in OM Gargour village.